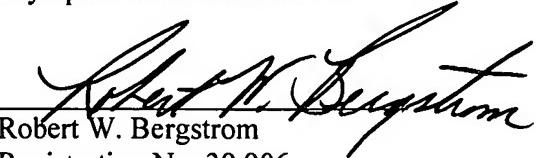


REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the current application. In an office action dated January 22, 2009 ("Office Action"), the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4-6, 13, 14, and 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reger et al., U.S. Patent No. 7,127,798 ("Reger") in view of Still, U.S. Patent No. 6,191,712 ("Still"). The Examiner allowed claims 7-12 and 19-20. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 7-12 and 19-20. In order to expedite issuance of these claims, Applicants request that claims 1-6 and 13-18 be cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to allow Applicants to pursue cancelled claims 1-6 and 13-18 in a subsequent filing.

In Applicants' representative's opinion, all of the claims remaining in the current application are clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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